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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON MEETING JULY 21, 1976 (SALT TWO-1069)

1. AT TODAY'S MEETING SEMENOV MADE STATEMENT ON DATA BASE, WHICH FOR HIM WAS FAIRLY MODERATE, AND WHILE ENDING UP BY SAYING THAT THEY "COULD NOT ACCEPT", NEVERTHELESS CLEARLY KEPT DOOR OPEN FOR DIALOGUE ON SUBJECT. THIS WAS BORNE OUT BY HIS REMARKS IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION TO ME AND SHCHUKIN'S REMARKS TO ROWNY. I MADE STATEMENT SUPPORTING INCLUSION OF LAUNCHERS IN SUBPARA (B) OF ARTICLE IX (BALLISTIC MISSILES ON WATERBORNE VEHICLES OTHER THAN SUBMARINES).

2. IN OUR PRIVATE CONVERSATION I SAID THAT, REFLECTING ON OUR CONVERSATION YESTERDAY ON MIRVS, I HAD COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THEIR POSITION, WHICH WOULD REQUIRE THAT IT BE DETERMINED THAT EACH INDIVIDUAL MIRV LAUNCHER HAD CONTAINED A MIRV MISSILE, WAS CLEARLY NOT VERIFIABLE BY NTM AND "COULD NOT PROVIDE A BASIS FOR AGREEMENT". ALTHOUGH DURING THE COURSE OF A LONG DUSTY REPLY, IN WHICH HE SAID WE HAD NOT TAKEN THE TOTALITY OF THEIR POSITION INTO CONSIDERATION,

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HE REMARKED THAT "IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO TALK OF EACH INDIVIDUAL

LAUNCHER," HE DID NOT OTHERWISE CHALLENGE MY CHARACTERIZATION OF THEIR POSITION. I AGAIN STRESSED I WAS AT THIS STAGE ONLY TRYING TO UNDERSTAND HOW THEIR FORMULA WOULD BE APPLIED AND IF THEY WANTED TO SAY MORE ON SUBJECT I WOULD BE VERY PLEASED TO HEAR IT. IT WAS AGREED THAT WE WOULD HAVE FURTHER PRIVATE MEETING ON MONDAY, JULY 26.

3. IN OUR PRIVATE MEETING, SEMINOV ALSO MADE HIS STANDARD PERIODIC STATEMENT ON FBS AND ASKED ME WHETHER I THOUGHT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO REPLY ON THEIR FORMULA FOR PARA 3 ARTICLE XVI (DELIBERATE CONCEALMENT MEASURES) BEFORE WE RECESSED. I SAID I HOPED TO DO SO, BUT WAS NOT SURE.

4. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, USSR MISSION. JOHNSON

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